

Knowlton Township Planning Board

Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

There was the regular meeting of the Knowlton Township Planning Board on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, held via Zoom. Chairman Taylor led the Board in the flag salute at 7:30 p.m. He announced that adequate notice of the meeting has been provided in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" by publishing notice of all regularly scheduled meetings in the NJ Herald and Express Times-NJ Zone Edition, as well as providing said schedule to the Municipal Clerk. A moment of silence was held for our Military Personnel serving in harm's way.

Roll call:

Present: Costantino, Taylor, Glynn, Drake, Cuntala, Prosser, Bromm and Murray

Absent: Smith, Tironi, and Starrs

Also Present: Gavan and Rodman

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cuntala made the motion to adopt the minutes of February 25, 2020. Motion seconded by Ms. Costantino. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Prosser-Yes, Bromm-Abstain, Murray-Abstain, and Taylor-Yes.

Open to the Public

Chairman opened the meeting to the public.

Nancy O'Neill was present and she questioned the status of the Master Plan. Chairman Taylor stated that the Board will be discussing, later this evening, the scheduling of a possible hearing.

With there being no public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

Other Planning Board Business:

Master Plan Discussion

Chairman Taylor stated that the Master Plan public hearing was originally scheduled for the Board's March meeting; however, due to COVID 19, the hearing was cancelled. The Board then went on to discuss whether they wished to schedule a Zoom meeting or wait to see if there could an in person meeting in the near future. After a brief discussion it was agreed to load the Master Plan on the Township Website and schedule a Zoom meeting for September, unless an in person meeting would be allowed in August.

Mr. Bromm made the motion to schedule a Zoom meeting in September, unless an in person meeting, could be allowed in August. Motion seconded by Ms. Murray. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Prosser-Yes, Bromm-Yes, Murray-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Draft Lighting Ordinance

Chairman Taylor suggested that the Board have the opportunity to review and compare the proposed Lighting Ordinance to the sample/model lighting ordinances from the Illuminating Engineering Society and the International Dark Sky Association (a reference is notated on page 32 of the Draft Master Plan) and possibly having the Board Planner review it as he is away this week.

Designation of Official Newspapers

Chairman Taylor reviewed that the Township has adopted the Express Times NJ Zone Edition to replace the Star Gazette, which is no longer being published.

Mr. Glynn made the motion to designate the Express Times NJ Zone Edition as an Official Newspaper. Motion seconded by Ms. Costantino. Voice Vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Prosser-Yes, Bromm-Yes, Murray-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Other:

Board Secretary Schemm stated that there may be some applications submitted in the next few months.

Payment of Vouchers:

Ms. Murray questioned the wording on Mr. Gavan's vouchers, which was briefly reviewed.

Mr. Bromm made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Ms. Costantino. Roll call vote: Glynn-Yes, Drake-Yes, Costantino-Yes, Cuntala-Yes, Prosser-Yes, Bromm-Yes, Murray-Yes, and Taylor-Yes.

Other Business:

Ms. Murray briefly commented on the review of the Storm water Management Plan and Ordinances. Board Engineer Rodman stated that he would participate in any review. Chairman Taylor stated that perhaps Board Planner Bloch may have some suggestions. Ms. Murray stated that she will also reach out to ANJEC.

Adjournment:

In a motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
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